

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the final Office Action, the Examiner responded to Applicant's prior arguments by stating that the Examiner was unclear as to where the claimed outer surface of the swage boss was located. In this Amendment, Applicant has amended independent claim 13 to further recite that the swage boss has an inner surface that contacts a swage ball during swaging, and an outer surface not contacted by the swage ball during swaging. This amendment to independent claim 13 should thereby clarify the Examiner's concern as to what surface is being claimed as lubricated within claim 13.

This Amendment is being filed concurrently with an Appeal.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment After Final be entered in order to place the claims in a better condition for Appeal.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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